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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6652**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1250

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** School Pest Control Policy.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the governing body of a public school or nonpublic school to adopt and implement policies and procedures designed to effectively control pests and minimize potential exposure of children to pesticides in school buildings. It also authorizes the State Chemist to adopt rules for public and private schools and licensed day care centers concerning the use of pesticides.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The State Chemist would experience an increase in administrative expenses in accordance with the provisions of this bill. It is estimated that the Pesticide Division (within the State Chemist's Office) would require one additional program manager and two additional inspectors in order to provide the necessary oversight concerning a statewide school corporation pest control policy. The projected costs to hire one program manager would be approximately \$53,000 (including benefits), and approximately \$94,000 (including benefits) for two field staff.

Currently, the Pesticide Division employs 20 personnel (FTE) of which five are administrators, five are field staff, four are secretarial, and six are laboratory technicians. For FY 2001, the operating budget of the State Chemist's Office is approximately \$5.8 M, of which approximately \$2.3 M was budgeted for the Pesticide Division.

**Background**

The State Chemist's Office is currently housed within Purdue University - Lafayette and is comprised of personnel hired by the University. Under current Indiana law, the State Chemist is required to oversee the registration, labeling, handling, storage, use, and application of pesticides in the State of Indiana while working with the State Pesticide Review Board. (The Board is responsible for the development of pesticide regulation and policy for Indiana.)

In addition to the Pesticide Division, other divisions within the State Chemist's Office exist to provide oversight regarding, but not limited to, the following areas: 1) plant inoculants and growth stimulants; 2) commercial fertilizers; 3) agricultural ammonia; 4) weed control; and 5) organization of horticultural and quarantine districts. Currently, there is a total of approximately 70 personnel (FTE) employed by the State Chemist's Office. The State Chemist is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** School corporations would likely experience an increase in administrative time and cost in accordance with the provisions of this bill. The specific impact is currently indeterminable, would vary by school corporation, and would be dependant upon local action.

Indiana's 294 school corporations would be required to adopt and implement policies and procedures designed to effectively control pests and minimize potential exposure of children to pesticides. School corporations would be required to ensure that pesticides be used only by certified school personnel and that pesticides be utilized only when children are not present.

In addition, school corporations would be required to develop a registry containing the names of parents who wish to be notified of imminent pesticide application. School corporations would also be required to provide training to certain personnel regarding pesticide application.

**Background**

During CY 2000, the Indiana School Boards Association, the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and the Indiana Association of School Business Officials worked collaboratively with advocates who want to control pesticide application within Indiana's approximately 2,000 public schools. Most recently, the above entities met with the State Pesticide Control Board and were provided voluntary recommendations which roughly parallel the requirements of this bill.

In addition, through a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, integrated pesticide specialists at Purdue University developed one-day training/certification workshop opportunities for school corporations, free of charge, during the summer of 2000. Normally, such training costs approximately \$80 per person.

Based on a survey conducted by the Indiana School Boards Association, approximately 60 school corporations have adopted, or are in the process of adopting, voluntary policies and procedures concerning pesticide application.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Chemist.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

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